

RAJGHAT BESANT SCHOOL
THE PROGRAMME FOR CLASSES XI
AND XII

Introduction

The Rajghat Besant School offers a special programme for students of Classes XI and XII. The program aims at preparing senior students to meet life beyond school and helping them find their rightful place in society.

Some of the important elements of the program are:

- to learn in a variety of ways, including by questioning and doing,
- to learn to think independently,
- to learn to be self-reflective,
- to learn to take responsibility,
- to learn the art of working together with others, and
- to experience rigour as well as creativity in academics and other areas.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME

I. Academics.

The school does not specially train students for competitive exams but believes that subjects should be studied in depth. The academic programme is rigorous and works best for students who are independently motivated.

All students have to take English and four elective subjects, one from each of the columns below as per the streams (Science, Commerce & Humanities)

Compulsory	Select one	Select one	Select one	Select 1
1	2	3	4	5
English	Physics Accountancy History	Chemistry Business studies Political Science	Mathematics/ Applied Maths Psychology Physical Education	Economics Biology Computer Science Physical Education Painting

While choosing subjects students are advised to keep college admission norms in mind. There are no other restrictions, but the school reserves the right to determine, after discussion with the student and parents, the final combination. Students are advised to go through the syllabi (available on the CBSE website) before finalising their choice of subjects.

II. Non-Academic Components.

Students would be required to participate in some or all of the elements listed below:

(a) **Work Experience:** - is a compulsory component of the curriculum laid down by the board. Students will be required to take up productive work in an area of their choice in consultation with the class teacher. These could include cleanliness drives in and around the campus, gardening, tree planting, waste segregation and disposal, adult literacy, engaging with old people's homes/schools for the blind / orphanages etc.

(b) **Fitness:** - The on-campus and off-campus components of the Physical Education (PE) programme will be demanding and students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports and games. This would help them to maintain a high level of physical fitness, and, we hope, to make a lifelong habit of exercising to remain fit. Students are required to take an active part in the PE programme.

(c) **Fine Art, Theatre Dance and Music:** - These are activities in which all students of the school participate. They are conducted both in-house and by resource people invited from outside. We see them as integral to Rajghat's curriculum so that students do not grow up disconnected from their cultural heritage. Senior students are expected to participate in at least some of these programmes and to help organize them.

(d) **Field Trips and Off-Campus Programmes:** - All Class XI students are required to participate in specially designed off-campus programmes. These outings will involve travel by public transport and living simply in basic but hygienic conditions. The trips will widen the context of the student's learning, and are aimed at nurturing a sense of social responsibility.

(e) **Dialogue and Self-Reflection:** - This is another integral aspect of Rajghat's educational vision, and senior students are expected to be engaged with it. It will provide students with opportunities to examine issues that arise from their everyday lives, such as their desires, anxieties and conflicts, and to explore larger questions of existence, identity and iniquity with a certain global perspective.

Conclusion

Please note that all components of the programme, academic and other, are equally important. Students need to commit to the programme as a whole and not just to a part of it. We expect parents to understand the spirit of the programme and actively support the efforts of the school. Please study this document carefully before deciding whether the programme is for you. Do not hesitate to contact the school for any clarifications. If you are new to the school, we also encourage you to visit the campus before deciding to apply, but this is not mandatory.

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