

Dear Parents and Students,

As CBSE Class X & XII Board Exams commence from 17th February 2026, here are essential guidelines to ensure success and a smooth examination experience.

#### 1. Exam Conduct

- Arrive at the centre between 9:30 AM and 10 AM (leave home early).
- Carry your admit card & updated ID cards.
- Wear the proper School uniform & ensure an appropriate haircut.
- No mobiles/smartwatch.
- Write question numbers in the margins.
- Cross rough work neatly.
- Fill the OMR sheet carefully with a blue/black ballpoint pen.
- Use the full time—no early exit.

#### 2. Question Handling

- Read the questions fully before answering.
- Underline directive words (e.g., explain, analyse).
- Identify the marks & keywords first.

#### 3. Answer Structure

- Start with a brief intro.
- Use bullets for main points.
- End with a short conclusion.
- Add headings/subheadings.
- Leave two blank lines between answers.

#### 4. Presentation Rules

- Write neatly in legible handwriting.
- Use the margins properly.
- Underline the key terms.
- Box the formulae/diagrams.
- Strikethrough errors once—no overwriting.
- Stick to the word limits strictly.

#### 5. Diagrams/Visuals

- Label clearly & neatly (for Science, Geography, Biology).
- Use a pencil for diagrams.

#### 6. Time Strategy

- Scan paper: first 5-10 minutes.
- Allocate by marks per question.
- Prioritise the high-mark questions.
- Reserve 10 minutes for review.
- Attempt all for partial marks.

#### 7. Stay Motivated

Stay calm, focused and give your best.  
Success follows effort!

All the best!

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