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## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Striving for excellence does not mean perfection but rather consistently applying yourself to the best of your ability, in an attempt to reach the highest possible standards in everything that you do.

We have all been blessed with a wide variety of God-given gifts, talents, and abilities. These are like diamonds.

The diamond cutting process is a series of steps that transform a rough diamond into a finished stone. The process involves shaping, polishing, and inspecting the diamond.

The gifts, talents, and abilities that your son has, needs to be shaped, polished, and then inspected in order see where improvements can be made.

In order to strive for excellence and polish the diamonds in your son's care it means adopting a mindset that will push him beyond his limits and out of his comfort zone.

I challenged the school at the first assembly of the new year to become comfortable with being uncomfortable.

In other words, to operate outside of their comfort zones in an attempt to unlock their full potential.

John August Shedd said "A ship is safe in harbour, but that's not what ships are for."

A comfort zone is a beautiful place but nothing meaningful and worthwhile ever grows there. Dreams, goals, and aspirations sadly die in a comfort zone.

I would like to encourage parents and guardians to find out exactly what your son is passionate about, ask him about his goals, dreams, and aspirations. Afford him the opportunity to share his heart with you. Brace yourself, as those goals, dreams and aspirations might not be exactly what you want or expect from him.

If we as adults, allow him to pursue his passions, to refine his talents and abilities, he will automatically begin to strive for excellence.

In saying that, this journey of passion pursuit will require a great deal of effort, hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and determination.

Sadly, in life not all things will be enjoyable but that is all part of the refining and polishing process.

Ask your son to write his goals, dreams, and aspirations down (short, medium, and long term) and then to discuss the best action steps required in order to achieve those goals.

In striving for excellence, no area can be neglected and no stone left unturned.



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Once his goals, dreams and aspirations have been articulated, with the relevant actions' steps then our role as adults begin by holding him accountable and guiding him along the way.

Striving for excellence is about staying present in the moment and giving your best to the task or situation at hand.

All it takes is one positive step towards being excellent every day and within a short time that mindset becomes a habit, and your son will be on a new exciting trajectory in his life.

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