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Dear Parents,

First of all I'd like to thank – our teachers, our staff and parents for helping build the stellar reputation of the Aditya Birla World Academy – the international stream, in barely a year's time. Our IGCSE stream has already become aspirational evidenced by the phenomenal number of parents who have sought admission for their children to the primary grades.

Our current crop of students - are delighted with the innovative teaching philosophy followed by ABWA. And parents are equally delighted that their children no longer have to slog to learn by rote, that they actually enjoy coming to school. Our students and their parents are our best ambassadors.

Our teachers have moved away from the rote to an interdisciplinary mode of teaching and of texturing creativity, innovation and imagination in the classroom and beyond. So, naturally students have fun even as they study and find learning extremely enjoyable.

As you are aware, the Cambridge International Primary Programme from Grade I to Grade V will begin from the next academic year. Mrs. Manju Mehta has been named the Head of the junior school. Her vast experience and expertise both as a teacher and the erstwhile Vice Principal of New Era will help her admirably steer the primary programme. The secondary programme from Grade VI onwards is progressing in line with our expectations, under the leadership of Mrs. Franak Bandekar as the Head of the Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme and the Cambridge IGCSE section comprising Grades IX and X. For the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme for the Grades XI and XII, which will commence from the academic year 2010-11, Mrs. Grace Mangar is the Head.

We believe integrating these three streams seamlessly is both a value adding and constructive exercise which can take ABWA to an even higher level. In the last one and a half years, as you know, we have added to the SSC stream, the IB and IGCSE streams of education. Each of these streams has their unique features and strengths. Going forward, it is my endeavour that each of these three streams gets the focus and the attention required and each of our students get the best that we as a school can offer to them. To

achieve this it is important that the roles and responsibilities for each of the three curriculums are streamlined.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs. Malti Renjen will be at the helm as the Principal of the SSC stream. Her vast experience and stature are a source of great comfort that our SSC students are in the very best hands. On behalf of the Governing Council and I personally too would like to record our deep sense of appreciation to Mrs. Malti Renjen for her selfless commitment to our New Era.

I am also very happy to share with you that Mrs. Radhika Sinha currently Principal of the Sarala Birla Academy, our residential school for boys in Bangalore will take over as Principal of ABWA.

She brings a wealth of experience, expertise and wisdom to her new assignment. She is a values driven person. Many of you have already met with her during our initial presentation. Her academic credentials are impeccable. She has earned a Masters in English Literature and subsequently took the B.Ed. degree. She is a CIE accredited Master Trainer for Teacher Training and has been an ICSE and ISC examiner and team leader in English language and literature for over 14 years.

In an interesting career spanning over 25 years, Mrs Sinha has taught at schools such as The Sacred Heart Convent, Jamshedpur and the Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer where she was also the housemistress. Mrs. Sinha joined our boarding school in Bangalore, Sarala Birla Academy, since its inception. She came in as an English teacher. Soon she rose to be the academic coordinator. Given her excellent track record she was promoted as Vice-Principal and was elevated as the Principal in 2006.

Under her leadership Sarala Birla Academy has grown from strength to strength, attracting excellent students from all over the country and a committed team of teachers too. During her tenure we received the IGCSE and IB affiliations. In all areas practically, SBA has met with considerable success. Our boys have won accolades in, academics, at the Model United Nations contests, cultural programmes and sports. The results of the first two batches of students for the IGCSE and ISC streams have been excellent. She will make a fine Principal at ABWA as well. Mrs. Sinha will take over from the 8 April 2009.

In conclusion, I genuinely feel that Aditya Birla World Academy with the collective involvement of the board, the management, the teachers and parents has a firm foundation in place. We are personally committed to ABWA and we look forward to making the school a benchmark in Mumbai. I personally seek your continued commitment to make this happen.

Thank you.

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Governing Council, ABWA

