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What should schools teach, and how? And how do we know if we're doing it well? These are phenomenally important questions—ones that must be answered with social needs, teacher gifts, and technology access in mind. Why can't education, as a system, refashion itself as aggressively as the digital technology that is causing it so much angst? The fluidity of a given curriculum should at least match the fluidity of relevant modern knowledge demands. Maybe a first step in pursuit of an innovative and modern approach to teaching and learning might be to rethink the idea of curriculum as the core of learning models?

In this era of information access, smart clouds, and worsening socioeconomic disparity, we may want to consider whether we should be teaching content at all, or rather **teaching students to think**, design their own learning pathways, and create and do extraordinary things that are valuable to them in their place?

Right from the time when a child starts his/her academics, the dilemma of choosing the right School becomes a prime concern for parents. The choice of appropriate School makes a significant difference in the academics and career development of the child and his/her exposure to the kind of education system that we have.

To lay the foundation of your professional preparation later, we have to start with the foundation courses. They will be immensely helpful in making life easier later with a little hard work now. **But the million dollar question is when to start preparing for competitive exams?** It is simple. The sooner you take the step, the better it is for your future. When you start from eighth standard, you have almost four years for the strategies and general tips to be applied. As you start from class 8, you get more time to revise your subjects compared to others who start late.

Here are some advantages of starting entrance exam preparations since class 8th:

- You will be better oriented with the future course you have to study.
- Starting early preparations will help improve your fundamentals which will help you while studying those topics in detail while preparing for the competitive exams.
- When you prepare, it will guide you whether you can or can't bear with mathematics or biology. Thus it will help you to choose your subjects accordingly for your higher secondary education.

- Class 8 students have sufficient maturity level to master the basics of Mathematics and Science and build scientific concepts.
- It will give you enough time to work on the finer aspects of the toughest questions.
- Students will have enough scope of revision and practice.

Preparing for the competitive exams does not mean that a student should go to the coaching institutes and do rigorous studies for long hours, it just requires a student to be attentive and regular with his/her studies. Whatever is being taught and explained in the class should be listened and grasped effectively.

Real preparation starts from class 11th: The concepts and basics studied in classes 9th and 10th are further tested in class 11th. Also the the syllabus for any entrance exam, be it JEE or NEET, comprises of class 11 and class 12 syllabus for the subjects Physics, Chemistry Biology and Mathematics. Here, class 11 syllabus becomes the core of the entire syllabi across the four subject domains. So, while preparing for the school exams, students can simultaneously start referring the JEE/NEET curriculum to prepare for the entrance exams.

Some important tips for class 11 and class 12 students:

- Be selective about your study material. Refer to right books. NCERT books can be sufficient if read thoroughly.
- Collect all the details about the officially prescribed syllabus for the examination.
- Begin by understanding the past years' exam trends. This will help you find topics that are repeated year after year and the ones that are mostly ignored.
- Make a proper time-table for your preparations.
- Strengthen the key concepts that carry more points.
- Focus on weaker subjects and revise the stronger ones.
- Prepare a detailed list of vital formulae in every single chapter.
- Practice mock test and previous year question papers.

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Another reason for choosing Ashoka is the outstanding performance they have displayed in the last decade. Ashoka's this year's scores are a witness to the legacy they have maintained for so long. Though, an early start can be of great advantage while preparing for any competitive exam, but it's a matter of personal choice whether to start your medical preparation since class 9th or later. One just needs to analyze his/her learning potential and efficiency to give best on the final day. Moreover, time is not everything to help you excel with flying colours but the choice of right School or college; regular study and best guidance are also of great importance. So, stay focused and motivated.

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