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## First-ever world boarding school fair by The Red Pen

An immersive in-person event for parents with school children to interact one-on-one with World's Finest boarding schools

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Global education consultancy -The Red Pen unveils its 'World Boarding School Fair 2023' that provides a rare opportunity for families with children from Kindergarten to Grade 12 to meet and interact one-on-one with representatives of over 20 International Boarding Schools from the UK, Switzerland, India, Dubai, Malaysia, Canada and New Zealand under one roof in Mumbai on 7th of October.

Speaking to the media, Kim Dixit, CEO and Co-founder of The Red Pen revealed, "Recently, Indian families have shown a significant increase in their preference for both domestic and international boarding schools, with a notable 50 percent rise in interest. Our boarding school applicants have also doubled over the last three years. This surge in interest has been further fueled by the exciting news of renowned boarding schools opening campuses in India. Lively discussions have emerged among parents, with numerous inquiries revolving around selecting the ideal school and navigating intricate application procedures.'

Recognizing the importance



of these queries, global education consultancy - The Red Pen unveils its first-ever World Boarding School Fair - a one-ofa-kind, in-person event that will introduce Indian families to the expansive realm of Indian and international boarding schools. A head start to your child's academic journey

Most parents wait till Grade 8 or 9 to evaluate a right-fit boarding school. However, starting as early as Grade 5 helps you get a head start on your child's academic journey. Parents get to explore best-fit educational opportunities, gain comprehensive insight, engage one-on-one with representatives of the finest global schools and meet boarding school admissions experts from The Red Pen.

Dr. Caroline Pascoe, Principal

of The International School of Bangalore (TISB), who will be at the fair says, "TISB is renowned for its academic excellence in both IGCSE and IB, making us one of the top 50 schools in the world and are delighted to be a part of the World Boarding School Fair."

Afsha Sethi, the representative of United World Colleges adds, "We are a network of 18 international schools spread across the globe. We are renowned for our emphasis on attracting a deliberately diverse cohort of young changemakers from across the world. We aspire to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures. United World Colleges is participating in the World Boarding Fair. So, drop by if you want to know more."

Kim Dixit further elaborated, "Over the years, we've hosted British boarding schools, but for the first time, we're bringing boarding school representatives from across the world to interact with Indian families. World Boarding Fair presents a unique opportunity to explore several leading boarding and identify the ones that align with your family - before planning your campus visits."

Namita Mehta, President of The Red Pen, says, "Based on my personal experience attending a British boarding school,

### **World Boarding School Fair**

Date: Saturday, October 7 Time: 11.00 am to 4.00 pm Venue: St. Regis, Lower Parel More information at: bit.ly/BSFair23

I can confidently attest to the transformative nature of their education. Our inaugural World Boarding School Fair provides Indian parents and students with an opportunity to explore a diverse network of boarding schools, each offering a unique global perspective and a steadfast dedication to education.' She adds, "At the fair, parents and students will gain comprehensive insight by comparing curriculum options, admission prerequisites, timelines, specialised facilities, pastoral care, and the vibrant boarding life across diverse institutions. They will get direct access to admissions officers representing the boarding schools. Better still, they can avail free consultations with The Red Pen Boarding School Admissions team that has half a decade experience in cultivating solid partnerships with various schools.'

#### **Participation of Elite Boarding Schools**

- Harrow International School, Bengaluru, India
- Caterham School, UK · United World Colleges,
- Global Neerja Modi School, India
- Canford, UK
- Epsom College, Malaysia
  The International School
- of Bangalore, India Merchiston Castle School,
- UK · Macleans College, New Zealand
- · Wellington College International, Pune, India Bromsgrove School, UK
- Surval Montreux, Switzerland
- Swiss International School, Dubai
- Westonbirt School, UK Shawnigan Lake School,
- Canada • St. Lawrence College, UK
- · Gordonstoun, UK
- Lakefield College School, Canada
- Cardiff Sixth Form College, UK
- · Kent College, Canterbury, UK
- Corvuss American
- Academy, India Lancing College, UK

# Concern for concentration

Parents and teachers often complain about lack of concentration among children. With just a few changes in the habits and environment around the child, a lot can be achieved.

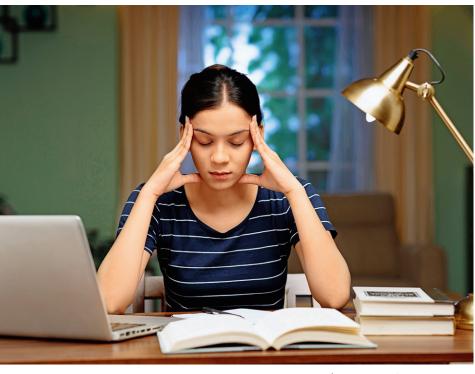
Parent's common complaint about their wards is their lack of concentration. While studying, they are often distracted by several things which results in making learning a huge task for them. There could be several reasons for this: restlessness. playfulness, dreamy nature, lack of understanding or interest in studies or some stress.

We suggest a few simple tips which will help increase your child's concentration to some extent. Try them...

#### Taking note

Taking down notes during classes is a habit that should be inculcated in children. Making a note of something important being taught by the teacher helps the child to reinforce what has been taught. While revising the lesson, these notes will help to improve his concentration as he has to pay complete attention to what the teacher is saving and later concentrate on trying to recall what his notes say.

#### Focus on one thing



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Sleep over it

Research has proven that when you study a topic before going

to bed, the information is shifted to the long term memory. This proves that enough rest is of vital importance to concentration and good memory. If there is an overload of information without proper sleep, it will be a futile exercise in

It has been observed that children tend to concentrate better when they are given breaks between two study sessions. These breaks help them to revitalize their interest and start again with renewed energy. This makes shifting to another subject or topic easier. They could utilise this break to play, read, listen to music or do any leisurely activity.

#### Lifestyle changes

It's not just the child's habits that should be blamed for their lack of concentration. Many times, there are some other factors like the people and environment around him that needs to be improved. Besides school, at home too, one needs to ensure that his concentration is optimum. Look around for habits that could be instrumental in distracting him, like listening to music or TV on high volume. A family member or neighbours' loud behaviour could also be playing the spoilt child's concentration levels.

sport. Similarly check whether your habit of supervising over every aspect of your child's studying is affecting his concentration levels?

Also ensure that he sits to study in a well-lit room with good ventilation with least possible noises in the background. These small yet important things could go a long way in helping him regain his concentration level.

#### **Stress levels**

Besides his habits, there could be psychological issues that your child could be facing that could be impairing his concentration level. For example constant fights between parents, bullying at school or home, competition with peers or some sort of phobia are just a few instances that keeps a child distracted. It is important to identify the problem and rectify it as soon as possible.

#### Techno temptations

These days, children have several electronic gadgets to indulge in. Be it television shows, virtual games, social media etc. and other tempting gadgets which are a concentration buster for sure. Wean them off these unnecessary distractions to encourage your

learning. Take a break