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Dear Parents,

Hope you and your families are safe and sound.

This is to inform you that CBSE in collaboration with UNICEF, YuWaah, and Udhyam Learning Foundation has launched a Life Skills Training Initiative for students of classes IX & XI. The aim is to empower them with essential life and employability skills, whose importance has been emphasized in the National Education Policy, 2020. This includes skills such as communication, problem-solving, self-awareness etc., which will enable students to achieve success in both professional and personal life.

Under the Initiative, teachers will introduce students to one life skill every week and they will practice tasks related to that skill on a WhatsApp ChatBot. Students will be expected to spend 2-4 hours per week using this ChatBot. The initiative will start in schools on January 10 2022 and will continue for 4 weeks. Upon completion, the students will also receive participation certificates from UNICEF and CBSE.

We request parents 'participation in the Initiative as monitors and motivators for their children. Technology has become the most optimal way to impart education in the current circumstances. While many parents may have apprehension about allowing their children to use mobile phones for too long, we encourage parents to welcome this new mode of learning while trying to solve any potential challenges. Monitoring students, while they use the ChatBot, could be one way to resolve this apprehension.

Students' anonymity will be maintained in the Initiative and no identifiable information will be taken from them. Parents are therefore encouraged to motivate students to learn new skills that will help them across all dimensions of life.

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