



PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, DAVANAGERE

Circular: Grades 1 to 10

Date: 4 June 2026

Subject: "STUDENT OF THE WEEK" RECOGNITION INITIATIVE

Dear Parents,

At **Podar International School, Davanagere**, our educational philosophy extends far beyond traditional report cards. While achieving the top rank in academics is commendable, focusing solely on exam toppers overlooks the incredible potential, growth, and character of the remaining 99% of our student body. Every single child possesses unique strengths, and it is our responsibility to nurture and honor them.

To foster an environment where character, effort, and citizenship are valued just as highly as grades, we are proud to introduce the **"Student of the Week" Award**, effective immediately.



1. The Philosophy: Character Drives Excellence

We firmly believe that **academic excellence is a natural by-product of strong personal discipline**. When a child masters their daily habits, respects school protocols, and treats others with dignity, their focus sharpens, and their academic performance automatically rises.

This initiative is designed to reinforce daily discipline, instil core ethical values, and provide every child with a fair and motivating opportunity to stand in the spotlight.

2. Comprehensive Selection Criteria

The "Student of the Week" will not be chosen based on exam scores. Instead, Class Teachers will evaluate students continuously based on the following holistic pillars:

The same circular is available at: <https://www.podareducation.org/school/davanagere/davanagere-circulars>

- **Holistic Discipline & Conduct:** Demonstrating exemplary behavior inside the classroom, in the corridors, and on the playground.
- **Character & Integrity:** Displaying honesty, responsibility, and strong moral choices in daily interactions.
- **Punctuality & Attendance:** Maintaining consistent, on-time arrival to school and regular attendance.
- **Empathy & Kindness:** Showing genuine care, helpfulness, and compassion toward peers, juniors, and school support staff.
- **Impeccable Uniform Turnout:** Wearing the school uniform with pride, ensuring it is clean, complete, and properly groomed according to school standards.
- **Campus Language Compliance:** Actively following the school's campus language policy by speaking in English as a primary tool for communication.
- **Peer Support & Collaboration:** Actively assisting classmates who may be struggling academically or socially, promoting a collaborative classroom culture.

3. The Award Protocol & Cycle

To maintain the prestige and momentum of this recognition, a structured weekly cycle will be followed:

- **Monday Presentation:** The chosen student will be honored in front of the entire school during the Monday Morning Assembly, where the Class Teacher will present them with a **Certificate of Merit** and a special "**Student of the Week**" **Badge**.
- **The Weekly Honor:** The student will proudly wear this badge on their uniform throughout the week, serving as a role model for the campus community.
- **Saturday Return:** On Saturday afternoon, the student will return the badge to their Class Teacher so it can be prepared for the next week's recipient. (The student keeps their Certificate of Merit permanently).

4. An Important Note to Parents on Rotation

Because our standards are high, we know that many students in a single classroom will successfully meet all the criteria listed above simultaneously. However, since the award is limited to **one student per week**, recognition will be distributed systematically over the course of the academic year.

A Gentle Request for Patience: If your child does not receive the badge in the opening weeks of the term, it does *not* mean they are undeserving or lacking in effort. We ask that parents avoid comparison and instead use this system to encourage continuous improvement. Every deserving child will have their turn to be celebrated in due order.

Thank you for partnering with us to build a school culture that celebrates the whole child—cultivating not just brilliant minds, but outstanding human beings.

With Respect,

Principal